

PETER VORRON COOLLY MURDERED IN HIGHWAY

Shot From Ambush While He Was Driving Along the Road.

B. CROTO, SUSPECTED MAN,

Arrested and Placed in Montpelier Jail.---Murdered Man Was Lumper and Was Employed by Barclay Bros.---He Resided in East Montpelier.

Without the slightest suspicion of the presence of a lurking enemy and trudging along quietly beside his team, Peter Vorron was murdered almost within sight of his little home on the East Montpelier road last night at 10.30 o'clock.

Bartholomew Crote, the murdered man's nearest neighbor and with whom the latter was said to have quarreled, was arrested this forenoon on suspicion.

The details of the crime show one of the most cold-blooded and apparently premeditated murders ever committed in the state. The murderer's act is doubly despicable in that the murdered man leaves a family of eight children, with a wife who is nearly distracted from grief. The youngest child is only four days old.

The murder was committed in the town of East Montpelier just a little over a mile from the line dividing that town from Barre town. A little pool of blood on the side of the road marks the spot where the murdered man finally fell, pieces of newspapers used for wadding in the gun show where the fatal shot was fired and a trampled place in the bushes beside the road tells plainly where the murderer lay in wait for his victim. That the motive for the murder was not robbery is made quite positive by the fact that the murdered man's money was found in his pocket. In fact, after firing the fatal shot, the murderer turned and fled, as told by the young son of the murdered man, who was the only witness to the fearful tragedy which rendered him fatherless and brought so hard a burden of sorrow upon the family.

After going home from his work in this city the elder Vorron started with his son, Peter, to get a load of wood from a pile, about four miles away, which the former had bought recently. It seems that it had been their custom each evening to go with a small team after a part of the wood. They started in the early evening, got their little load of four foot wood and started back in the moonlight. They had nearly reached home when the tragedy occurred. As they were ascending a little incline the father jumped from the wagon to make the load lighter while the son remained on the team.

The father walked on the left side of the team with the reins about his neck and his hands in his pockets as the night was quite cold. Part way up the easy ascent there is a clump of raspberry bushes about a little cluster of elm trees. Just before the team reached this clump of bushes, as the father and son were chatting together, a shot rang out. The boy saw his father put his hand to his left shoulder and then fall to his knees. Frightened by the report of the gun the horse started to run, the reins slipping from the elder Vorron's neck as he fell to his knees.

As soon as possible the boy scrambled from the team and as he did so he looked in the direction from which the shot came. He saw the murderer running from his hiding place towards a place of woods 50 yards away. A gun in his hands. By this time the elder Vorron, although fatally injured, had arisen to his feet and had started to run. He succeeded in catching up with the horse which could not go fast on account of the load behind him, and then fell again, having covered a distance of five rods from the place where he received the charge from the murderer's gun.

He fell forward with one arm under his body and the other to one side. One wheel passed over his right foot, the marks being easily seen by those who picked up the body. The horse kept on for a little way but was stopped by the little boy who then went back to where his father lay face downward in the road. He attempted to raise his father, but not being able to do so ran to the team and drove home as fast as possible, a distance of a quarter of a mile, and told his folks.

The agonized wife, not yet recovered from a recent confinement, got up from her bed before she could be stopped and started to walk to the place where her husband lay.

She got only to the door of their little cottage and fell exhausted. She was picked up and carried back to her bed by the children who then ran to Fred Robbins, whose house is some distance from theirs. Mr. Robbins was aroused and then others of the neighbors including Dr. C. N. Barber, George Howard, Elmer Howard, A. G. White, James Rogers and Philip Batheider.

The twelve year old boy told his story as coherently as possible during the excitement and the neighbors went to the place where the boy said the murder was committed.

Mr. Rogers was the first one to reach the spot. He found the body of the unfortunate man lying face downward in the dirt with the position of the arms as before described. When the others arrived they turned the body over. They thought then that the man had not been murdered but that he had died from hemorrhage, as they saw no bullet marks. But on loosening a part of the clothing they discovered the jagged wound in the left shoulder which told only too plainly how the man had met his death.

A long delay was then experienced before the selectmen of the town of East Montpelier could be notified. After a wait of nearly four hours, the body being left in the road, Selectman Kelton of North Montpelier arrived. After viewing the body he ordered it removed to the undertaker's rooms of R. W. Hooker & Co. in this city. The body was brought here at about 4 o'clock this morning.

Constable Charles Little of that town had been notified. He arrived on the spot soon after and then the police officers in this city and in Montpelier were notified, although no officers were sent out from either place. Constable Little, with the considerable party of neighbors who had assembled, made an inspection of the ground where the murder was committed. They discovered the marks in road where Vorron had fallen to his knees after receiving the charge, then they saw his tracks where he had run to the spot where he fell again and where his body lay. At the latter place a pool of blood was found, which was also to be seen this forenoon. They went back to the clump of bushes in which the foul murderer had concealed himself to lay in wait for his victim.

Here they found a board freshly broken from the fence, leaving an aperture large enough for a man to crawl through. Here also they found the bushes and twigs trampled down, just beside the road and not more than eight feet from where the murdered man fell the first time. The man who lay in hiding could not wait until his victim got opposite him but fired when he was about four feet down the road from a line in front of the hiding place.

What is considered to be important is the finding of a considerable number of oily pieces of newspapers which had been used for wadding. This fact leads the authorities to believe that the weapon was a muzzle-loading gun. Much of this wadding was found, and in fact the Times reporter picked up several pieces this morning, which undoubtedly had been used for wadding.

No marks of bullets could be found on the twigs or bushes by the side of the road nor none was to be seen on the wagon or wood which remained. In the yard of the Vorron cottage this morning just as it had been left there last night by Peter, the twelve-year-old boy who drove home after the murder. The fact that no bullet marks were found would tend to show that the shotgun--for that was the weapon used--had been fired at close range.

The reins which Vorron carried around his neck were shot full of holes so that they were nearly cut off. The size of the holes is about that made by buckshot.

According to friends of the murdered man this was not the first time that Vorron had been attacked. One of them told the reporter this morning that last Sunday night while engaged in drawing home a load of wood he was followed by a man who had a gun, a short distance below the spot where Vorron was killed last night. Vorron evidently feared an attempt on his life as he had gone back to get an East

Montpelier man to go home with him. He said that he was afraid to go home alone.

Peter Vorron, the son who was with his father on the fatal ride, told his story to the reporter this morning, when the latter called at the house. The little fellow is a bright appearing and told his story in a few words, while the other children corroborated his story as far as they knew it. He said, "Father and I were coming back with a load of wood from a place four miles over in that direction. Coming up the hill almost home father walked beside the team on the left side about even with the forward wheel. I was on the load. When we got opposite the bushes a shot was fired and father fell on his knees and the horses started to run. I jumped off and as I did so looked out in the field and saw a man running to the woods. He was short and thick set. He had a gun in his hand. I ran along and stopped the horse and then tried to lift up father. Then I picked up the reins and drove home and told the neighbors. Father was breathing when I tried to pick him up."

A party of searchers was out this forenoon. The only trace they could find was a man's track in the dirt in the woods towards which the murderer was seen by the boy to run.

CROTO ARRESTED.

Seemed to Show Little Concern When Taken.

Bartholomew Crote, a man suspected, was arrested at 10.30 o'clock this forenoon on Brook street in this city while he was in the course of his business of collecting swill. He seemed to show but little concern over his arrest and as he cannot speak English very well, had little to say. Soon after being arrested by Deputy Sheriff Martin Fitzgerald of Montpelier, he asked if he might smoke. Being told that he might he lighted up his pipe and puffed away as nonchalantly as if he was out viewing a circus parade. In fact he did not appear to show much feeling over the matter.

He was taken to Montpelier by electric car as he had no money to pay for a hack. He stood on Main street with Deputy Fitzgerald and Officer Nicholson of this city, smoking away and apparently watching the pavers at work on the street, while a small group of people gathered about to see the man who was suspected of being a murderer.

When Deputy Fitzgerald arrested Crote, the latter replied "I will go with you."

He then said: "What are you arresting me for?" "I have a warrant charging you with murder," replied the deputy.

"Murder, murder, I don't understand," replied Crote.

MURDERED MAN'S FAMILY.

Was 40 Years Old and Had Eight Children.

The murdered man was 40 years old last May and was born in Coopersville, N. Y. He has a mother living and also one brother at Ausable Forks, N. Y. Besides his wife he leaves eight children, the youngest four days old still unnamed and the oldest, Alex, living in New York. The other children are Albert, Edith, Peter, Millard, Eric and Florence. Albert works for A. E. Batheider in this city. The neighbors say that Vorron was not of a quarrelsome disposition. He was a hard working man, having been employed as a lumber at Barclay Bros' shed.

He was so industrious that he had nearly succeeded in paying for the small house in which he lived. He had been living at that place in East Montpelier for about five years. Previous to that he lived for 11 years at South Barre in the Mears block.

SAID TO HAVE QUARRELED.

Vorron and Crote Had Difficulty for Some Time.

Neighbors of Crote and Vorron say that the men had considerable trouble, and that the former accused the latter of putting acid in his well. Vorron had denied the accusation made by his neighbor. The quarrel had gone so far, it is said, that the state's attorney had been called in to take action. No action was taken, however.

Crote is a man under medium size, dark complexioned, and about 50 years of age. He has a wife.

NEW JERSEY AT THE HEAD.

Led All Day in Military Team Rifle Contest--Vermont's Score 1,280.

Sea Gird, N. J., Sept. 8.--New Jersey took the lead in the very beginning of the national trophy match this morning and remained at the head of the list of competitors this evening upon the conclusion of the first day's shooting in the great military team rifle contest. The firing today was at 200, 300 and 600 yards, constituting the first half of the match. The work tomorrow will be over the 800, 900 and 1,000 yard ranges. The New Jersey team scored a total of 1,404 out of a possible 1,800, being 11 points in advance of Massachusetts, the next higher competitor, 10 points ahead of New York and 60 points ahead of the District of Columbia. The Vermont score was 1,280.

See Darling Coming Home.

Washington, Sept. 8.--Secretary Hay left Washington today for Snake Lake, N. H. Assistant Secretary Adair will be acting secretary of state.

Secretary Moody will return to Washington from Massachusetts tomorrow. Assistant Secretary Darling then will make a short visit to his home in Vermont.

A DISPLAY OF FORTITUDE.

Polander Made No outcry When Leg Was Pinned Under Block of Marble.

Rutland, Sept. 8.--While the employees of the Vermont Marble Company in one of the quarries at West Rutland were hoisting a large block of marble to the surface Saturday the chain which held the block in place slipped and the mass fell to the bottom of the quarry. One Polander was knocked to the ground by the block striking his left leg.

The block pinned the leg to the ground, but as soon as possible the other workmen removed it, when it was seen that the leg was horribly crushed. The Polander showed remarkable fortitude, not making an outcry of any kind. The workmen picked him up and carried him to the house of a doctor who lived but a short distance from the quarry. The Polander seemed to protest against being taken away from the quarry, but as he could speak little English his protests were not noticed.

The doctor carefully cut away the clothing from the crushed limb, when he discovered that the Polander had a cork leg. This had been badly broken up and the man's flesh had not been harmed in the least.

FIELD-CLEMENT.

New York Newspaper Man Weds Daughter of Rutland Capitalist.

Rutland, Sept. 8.--The wedding of Miss Ethel Souvel Clement, daughter of Percival W. Clement of this city, and William H. Field of New York, a member of the editorial staff of the New York Journal and son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. Field of this city, took place this afternoon at the home of the Clements "Brookside," near Center Rutland village.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. George W. Phillips, pastor of the Congregational church of this city, and was witnessed only by the relatives and immediate friends of the bridal couple. There was no bridesmaid or best man.

Immediately following the ceremony a reception was held and Mr. and Mrs. Fields received the congratulations of about 150 persons. There were many guests from out of the city, including several of Mr. Field's classmates at Yale college. Mr. and Mrs. Fields will leave this evening for a ten days' wedding trip, after which they will be at home at New York city.

IN COUNTY COURT.

Sias Case is Nearing an End--May Go to Jury Tomorrow.

Montpelier, Sept. 8.--The trial of the case of Herbert S. Sias vs. the Consolidated Lighting company was resumed yesterday in Washington county court. The defendants occupied nearly the entire day putting in evidence. The testimony is nearly all in and the case will probably go to the jury not later than Thursday morning.

The next case for trial is Mary Randall of Burlington vs. the Barre and Montpelier Power and Traction company. This case comes near the end of the trial calendar but is taken up at this time by special agreement of counsel.

BROKE ALL RECORDS.

Crescent Made New Figures for a Half Mile Track at Lincoln.

Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 8.--Crescent, the trotting stallion, driven by George H. Ketchum, his owner, broke all records for a half mile track this afternoon at the state fair grounds lowering his own best previous time of weeks ago at Dayton, Ohio, a half second. He covered the mile in 2:08 1/4. Twenty-two thousand people witnessed the performance. It was an ideal day for record breaking. The track was in prime condition and the wind very light. Crescent was accompanied by two runners and an automobile. The time by quarters was: 32, 1:04, 2:06 1/2, 2:08 1/4.

MIDDLEBURY REBUILT.

Substantial Blocks Take the Place of the Burned Structures.

Middlebury, Sept. 8.--Like the fabled phoenix, Middlebury has arisen from its ashes and within three weeks the majority of concerns will resume business in their new quarters. Main street will present an altogether different aspect from that of a year ago, as the majority of the structures burned in the conflagration of February 3, last, were antiquated wooden affairs, and they have been replaced by modern brick and stone buildings.

Alkali Dust.

There are many small villages in the alkali districts near the Asiatic frontier where the blind predominate. In this region the alkali dust constantly fills the air, and those not actually blind have their eyes more or less diseased.

The Chinaman's Ambition.

The highest ambition of a Chinaman is to have a nice coffin and a fine funeral.

Poultry.

When farmers learn to produce the best quality of poultry there will be buyers ready to pay the price it is worth. It is said that nine-tenths of the poultry sent to market is not of good flavor nor the flesh of good texture, caused from improper feed and feeding.

THE VALI REMOVED

Troops Also Sent to Beirut by Porte.

STATEMENT BY EMBASSY

Of Turkish Government at London as to the Shooting of Vice Consul Magelssen.

Constantinople, Sept. 9.--The Porte today announced that the vali of Beirut has been deprived of his authority and sent to Beirut with two battalions of troops to take temporary charge of affairs. Nazim Pascha arrived at Beirut today.

ADMIT THE SHOOTING.

But Turkish Embassy Declares No Political Significance.

London, Sept. 9.--The Turkish embassy here has issued a statement to the effect that the Porte hopes the American warships at Beirut will depart as soon as possible, as their presence tends to incite the inhabitants. "There is no reason for the assembly of the warships at Beirut," the statement continues. "The American consul was only fired at and it has not been discovered that there was any political motive for the act. The recent rioting at Beirut was originated by the orthodox Syrians." Speaking of the Sofia reports of massacres in Monastir, the statement says: "Reports of massacres and outrages on Bulgarians by the Turks are unfounded. They are being exaggerated by the insurgents in the endeavor to secure the intervention by the powers. This is the first time Turkey has officially admitted that Vice Consul Magelssen was actually fired at. Heretofore they have maintained the firing was simply in celebration of a wedding feast."

More Quiet at Beirut.

Washington, Sept. 9.--Admiral Cotton cables the navy department under yesterday's date, as follows: "No serious disturbances on Monday night." Apparently the situation is improving and the public feeling is growing quieter.

PHYSICIANS MEET.

Annual Gathering of Washington County Medical Society.

Montpelier, Sept. 9.--The annual meeting of the Washington County Medical society was held in the Supreme Court rooms at the State house yesterday afternoon with a goodly attendance of physicians from all parts of the county.

Dinner was served at the Pavilion and was given to the visitors by the Montpelier physicians.

At the meeting the following officers were elected: President, Dr. M. L. Chandler of Barre; vice president, Dr. W. D. Berry of Waterbury; secretary, Dr. O. G. Stukney of Barre; treasurer, Dr. C. E. Chandler of Montpelier; censors, Dr. C. A. Shaw of Northfield, J. A. McArthur of East Barre and Dr. M. F. McGuire of Montpelier; delegates, Dr. V. C. Goodrich of Barre and Dr. Burbank of Cabot.

Following the election papers were read and discussed as follows:

"Commitment and Treatment of the Insane," Dr. W. D. Berry, Waterbury; discussion, Dr. G. S. Bidwell, Waterbury, Dr. J. D. Jackson, Waterbury.

"Tetanus," Dr. H. S. Carver, Marshfield; discussion, Dr. M. L. Chandler, Barre; Dr. J. H. Judkins, Northfield.

"Periperal Eclampsia," Dr. M. F. McGuire, Montpelier; discussion, Dr. W. D. Berry, Barre, Dr. H. T. J. Howe, Waitsfield.

LEAGUE BASE BALL.

Boston Americans Lose to New York in Latter City.

Yesterday's American league scores: At New York, New York 1, Boston 0. At Cleveland, Cleveland 5, Chicago 0.

American League Standing.

Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Boston	24	.45
Cleveland	20	.44
Philadelphia	19	.43
Pittsburgh	18	.42
St. Louis	17	.41
Chicago	16	.40
New York	15	.39
Washington	14	.38

Yesterday's National league scores: At Boston, Boston 2, Philadelphia 0; Philadelphia 0, Boston 3.

At New York, New York 4, Brooklyn 4. At Pittsburgh, Chicago 7, Pittsburgh 6.

National League Standing.

Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Pittsburgh	20	.40
New York	19	.39
Chicago	18	.38
Philadelphia	17	.37
St. Louis	16	.36
Brooklyn	15	.35
Cincinnati	14	.34
Boston	13	.33

FATAL ACCIDENT.

Footney Quarryman Injured by Falling Stone.

Footney, Sept. 8.--John Marhar of College street is in a very precarious condition as the result of injuries which he received while at his work in the quarries here Friday.

A large mass of stone fell from the top of the quarry upon him, injuring him seriously in various parts of the body. Internal injuries are also feared. It is not likely that he will recover.

JURY INDICTS SIX PERSONS

Climax Reached In Post-office Cases.

ARRESTS TO SOON FOLLOW

Two Other Important Events in Connection With Post-office Affairs Occurred Yesterday.

Washington, Sept. 8.--After deliberating for several weeks over a mass of documents submitted by the postoffice inspectors, the federal grand jury in this city today returned seven indictments in the postal cases, involving six different persons. All the indictments were kept off the public record and the postoffice department refused to divulge names or details until the parties indicted are arrested. It is expected that arrests will occur tomorrow.

The other important events occurred today in the postal inquiry. Leopold Stern, the Baltimore contractor, who disappeared before he could be arrested on an indictment returned July 21 last, was located at Toronto and the long delayed surrender of George W. Beavers, the former head of the salary and allowance division, to the New York authorities took place.

THE CITY COUNCIL HOLDS SHORT SESSION

Little Else But Routine Business Comes Before It For Action.

The regular monthly meeting of the city council was held last evening, all members excepting Alderman Duffy being present. A large number of city warrants were read and ordered paid.

The request of Mrs. A. Stone for a lunch room license for the Hale block on Pearl street, was referred to the license committee.

The report of Chief of Police Brown showed 57 arrests in August, of which 23 were drunks and 13 for breach of the peace.

Residents of Spaulding street presented an offer to stand a portion of the expense of a continuation of the sidewalk on Spaulding street from W. R. Hadley's to E. R. Dyer's. Referred to the street committee to report back.

An appropriation of \$150, among others, was made to the liquor license account, for the paying of printing and advertising bills and the salaries of the three license commissioners for the year 1903.

D. B. Boyce appeared before the council to ask a permit to open Washington street to run a drain across it. No action was taken.

It was stated Josiah Gale wanted pay for stone taken by the superintendent of streets from land occupied by Mr. Gale and claimed by him to be his. The stone was used on street work and was claimed by the city to have been in the street.

Two thousand dollars was appropriated to the street commissioners with which to meet bills on permanent streets.

AN OVERFLOW OF STOCK.

Obliged to Build More Sheds at the Waterbury Fair.

Waterbury, Sept. 8.--The Waterbury fair opened today with a larger attendance than is usual on the first day. The exhibit of stock is larger than was expected and it has been necessary to build additional sheds. There are 72 sheds on the grounds to accommodate exhibitors of stock and 13 more were built today. The state hospital at Waterbury has a fine exhibit of stock but is not entered in competition for prizes. There is a large exhibit of horses.

The only race today was the farmers race with five entries. The base ball game between the Morrisville and Richford teams resulted in a victory for the Morrisville team with a score of 5 to 4. The game stood 5 to 0 until the last inning when the Richmond team made four runs.

DANCE ARRANGED FOR.

Ladies' Aid of St. Monica's Church Will Have Charge.

The Ladies' Aid of St. Monica's church will hold a dance in Armory hall Friday evening, Sept. 18. Music will be furnished by Gilbertson's orchestra and dancing will commence at 8.30 sharp. Admission tickets, 35c each, and will be sold at entrance of hall, or may be procured by any members desiring to sell them before that evening from Mrs. Henry Brown, Eastman block, North Main street. There will be a short intermission and ice cream and cake will be served by the ladies.

Every member will please bring or send a cake to the hall on that evening before 8 o'clock. The following committees have the affair in charge: On procuring dishes, Mrs. T. Downing, Mrs. D. Clary, Hall and music, Mrs. Anna Carroll, Miss Alice Hannon. Dancing, Mrs. J. E. E. McSweeney, Miss Annie Harrington. Tickets, Mrs. Henry Brown, Mrs. Agnes Williams. Refreshments, Mrs. James Brown, Mrs. M. Brown.

Wise King Flour is always reliable.